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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: A7909

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Appln. No.: 09/973,015

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Confirmation No.: 5104

Examiner: Ellen E. Kim

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS TO REDUCE VARIATION OF EXCESS FIBER  
LENGTH IN BUFFER TUBES OF FIBER OPTIC CABLES**

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

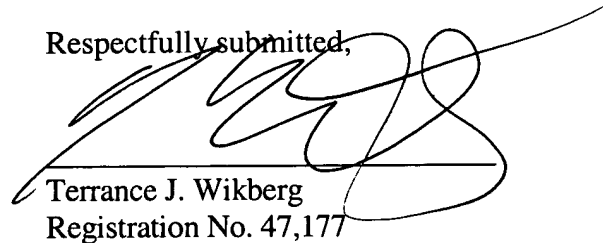
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of May 3, 2004 to November 3, 2004.

A check for the statutory fee of \$980.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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